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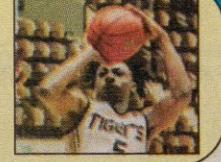
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Elba City Council approves resolution and policy for outside employment of off-duty police officers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

After a lengthy discussion Monday evening, Feb. 11, during the Elba City Council meeting, the council approved a resolution creating a policy for outside employment of off-duty police officers.

According to Police Chief Leslie Hussey, some questions recently came up in regards to police officers being utilized by other entities for security purposes on their "off duty".

Days from the department. He said he had checked on this matter with the league of municipalities and ethics commission and discovered that as long as the city has a resolution/policy in place,

On 40th anniversary of Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham's murder Memorial Program with Call for Support of First Responders set for Friday, March 1st, at old Coffee County Jail in Elba

It was early morning Thursday, March 1, 1979 when Coffee County Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham arrived at the Coffee County Jail for duty that day, but before he could enter the building, Sheriff Grantham was shot multiple times by Billy Joe Magwood. The sheriff died shortly after this attack.

In memorial to the 40th Anniversary of the Sheriff Grantham's death, the Grantham family is planning a Memorial and Support of First Responders Program for Friday, March 1, 2019, beginning at 6:30 a.m. This program will be conducted in front of the old Coffee County Jail [site of Sheriff Grantham's shooting], on

it is okay for officers to be used by private companies and other entities for security purposes when they are off duty from the police department.

Hussey said a local business, Ben E Keith Foods via its Texas-based security firm PPI, had been hiring

and using off

duty police officers since just before Thanksgiving this past year as security at its Elba facility.

He said this had continued until questions came up in regards to

officers being able to do this and also use their city-issued equipment while working an outside job for a private company.

Hussey said once there was a question of ethics, he

had ceased the service until more research could be done and a policy put in place.

Chief Hussey said his research into the matter revealed that as long as the city has a policy in place allowing the police chief to enter into a contract with the other entities for the security purposes, it is allowable for officers to work the outside employment while also using their city-issued equipment to provide the security. He said, however, the officers first duty is and always would be to the City of Elba. Therefore, he said if an emergency situation arose in the city and the off-duty officer was needed, he/she would be required to leave the other employment to meet his/her duties to the City of Elba first.

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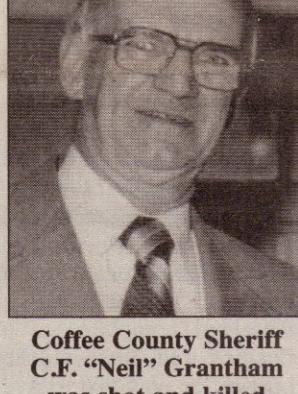
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Chad Green

traveling in a 2017 Toyota truck, bearing an Alabama license plate "CHAD1" after he fled the scene.

The search for Green continued through Sunday afternoon Feb. 17, when a citizen reported to the Montgomery County, Alabama Sheriff's Office seeing what was believed to be the suspect's vehicle traveling on Interstate 65.

Montgomery County law enforcement reportedly located and pursued Green for a short distance on Interstate 65 before conducting a traffic stop of the suspect's vehicle near the Southern Boulevard at approximately 4:54 p.m. It was during this traffic stop when officials said Green suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was transported to a local hospital and was pronounced dead at approximately 6:20 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." - Abraham Lincoln

An additional gas tax is on the agenda for the Alabama Legislature in its upcoming session. The extra money would be for road and bridge construction and repairs. Our guess is that it will pass in some form, if the big counties, small counties and county commissions can get their thoughts together. Some outright opponents of additional taxes are demanding reform and redefining of priorities rather than more of the same. It is not real smart to clamor for 'reform' without offering a workable plan that is clearly better than 'business as usual' but people with political agendas often do it anyway. They then benefit from the confusion. Most of us would agree with the idea of reform but the devil is in the details . . . what/how to reform? Each of us has an idea of what is a treasured practice of our government and what needs changing but our ideas vary widely. Getting an agreement on this issue in today's political environment is probably about as hard as getting both houses of the U. S. Congress and the administrative branch (president) to agree on much of anything.

Medical research is making great strides in curing and/or preventing diseases that are so bad that just the mention of them raise fear in many minds. We recall that society had that fear about polio during our youth and mothers cringed every summer when children went swimming. Promising cures for two dreaded illnesses crossed our desk this week. Hopefully a group of researchers in Israel are legit when they promise a cure for cancer within a year. They describe it as the first "complete cure". They explain it as, "a combination of cancer-targeting peptides (we think this is some sort of protein) and a toxin that will specifically kill cancer cells." Don't get overly excited because it has only worked in mice thus far. Then there is news that tests in New Orleans at the LSU School of Medicine have successfully treated several Alzheimer patients with "hyperbaric oxygen" medicine. That is putting the patient on high pressure 100 percent oxygen for an extended period. They report it not only stops the progression of the illness but actually shows some signs of reversal. They are not yet claiming complete cures, but are getting closer. This one has shown success on real people, especially with continued treatments.

Hoda Muthana, who left Hoover, Alabama in 2014 as a 19 year old to join ISIS in Syria, now claims she made "a big mistake." The 24-year-old is begging American officials to let her return home. She was reportedly married to several of the ISIS fighters, each one being killed in succession as war continued. She openly advocated on Twitter and elsewhere for killing of Americans but now says it was wrong. The young woman says that concern for the future of her young son prompts her desire to return to America. What is right in this situation? Frankly we would be afraid to allow her back into the U. S. but at the same time would harbor a feeling of guilt for not accepting her back into HER country of birth. Words are easy but if it is only words and she is still a radical, how many good folks would have to die before she was found out and neutralized? Oh, she was captured by Kurdish soldiers and is in some sort of camp, so apparently she was still running with the bad guys when she was caught.

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Lawmakers must stop playing games with the 2nd Amendment

Guest Editorial by U.S. Representative Martha Roby

As a gun owner myself, I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and an individual's right to keep and bear arms.

The overwhelming majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens who use firearms for sporting purposes, as historical collector's items, to go hunting with their children or friends, and if necessary, to protect themselves and their families.

The Second Amendment states that the "right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." In 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm for traditionally lawful purposes.

Unfortunately, some lawmakers view the Second Amendment as an inferior Amendment, subject to being restricted and curtailed whenever political winds blow. But, the bottom line is that the Founding Fathers included the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, because they understood the need to place restrictions on the federal government in order to protect Americans' individual liberties.

Any time Congress discusses placing restrictions on an enumerated constitutional right, it is our responsibility to very carefully weigh the many competing interests, which is ultimately why I recently voted against H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, during its consideration in the House Judiciary Committee. This is a poorly drafted and ill-considered bill that would punish lawful gun owners without doing anything to prevent gun violence.

To give you an idea of what I'm talking about, H.R. 8 would implement a system of universal background checks that make the following actions illegal: Loaning a gun to your neighbor, donating a historic firearm to a museum, and gifting a gun to a relative.

Democrats in Congress have been campaigning on ending gun violence in America for years. I, along with my fellow Republicans, want to see a reduction in violent crime and gun violence, too - but H.R. 8 won't accomplish that, especially in relation to mass shootings. In fact,

none of the recent mass shootings in this country would have been prevented by this bill.

The State of California has some of the strictest firearm laws in the country, and their system of universal background checks has proven to be a failure. A recent study by the liberal-leaning Violence Prevent Research Program at the University of California - Davis and Johns Hopkins University found that the implementation of universal background checks has had no effect on the rates of homicide or suicide by firearm.

In order to actually combat gun violence, we must take a long, hard look at making improvements in our society, like repairing our mental health care system.

Our country has been experiencing a mental health crisis for far too long, and it is past time we address it with meaningful change. We must also more effectively enforce the laws that are currently on the books before implementing new regulations that criminalize law-abiding gun owners.

To put it plainly, Congress should not be

wasting valuable time on ineffective bills that would only serve to impede upon Americans' constitutional rights.

While I voted against H.R. 8, it ultimately passed the Judiciary Committee, and it will be considered for a vote by the full House in the coming weeks. I have and will continue to urge my colleagues to oppose this measure and

get to work finding real solutions to gun violence. We must stop playing politics with legislation that will not benefit the American people.

** Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second Congressional District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama, with her husband Riley and their two children.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I want to comment on the article in the Elba Clipper on the New Brockton Council Meeting of February 4.

I know the lady who submitted the bill that was denied. It is thanks to her that the Town has a park. She single-handedly asked for donations to build the pavilion, to erect the marble sign for the park, to buy trees to plant, to put facilities in the bathrooms. She sought donations for the plants to create the flower gardens on the street corners. She planted the azaleas by the park and at the traffic light intersection.

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She has asked for help;

but she has spent many dollars out of her own pocket to buy plants and to decorate the corners. She has painted buildings, swept up sidewalks, and picked up trash to keep the downtown from unsightly neglect. She has worked tirelessly for the good of the Town.

And because she did not do every i or cross every t, she is being denied \$49.03. I am very disappointed.

Sincerely,

Annette Williams

Share Your Views...

Write a Letter to
the Editor

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 11, investigated the following incidents: one vehicle accident, one burglary, two for theft of property, one criminal mischief, one assault, one driving under the influence, one fugitive from justice, one unattended death, and one carrying a concealed weapon.

The following arrests were made: four on warrants, two for driving under the influence, one fugitive from justice, one for violation of probation, one possession of a concealed firearm without permit, three for failure to appear, and two for assault.

There were six traffic citations and 12 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the time-frame of Feb. 11th - 17th.

MONDAY, FEB. 11 - Officers responded to report of an unresponsive male at Elba Villas (1:15 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at the bridge on Taylor Mill Dirt Road - officers advised subjects to leave the area (8:45 p.m.); Assault reported at a

sleeping behind washing machines and he was advised to leave the area (1:38 a.m.); Suspicious male subject reported in area of the Travel Center on Hwy 203 - he was arrested for driving while intoxicated (2:13 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of County Rd 411 - officers advised subjects to leave the area (7:03 p.m.); Officers responded to Reynolds Ave in reference to a subject requesting help - it was determined the subject was intoxicated (10:35 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 12 - Report of a tree down in area of the school on Hwy 166 - street department notified (11:54 a.m.); Report of a two-vehicle accident in area of Claxton and Whitman - no injuries (1:19 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Neil Grantham Dr (8:09 p.m.); Report of a suspicious vehicle in area of Reese Ave and Putnam St - officers made contact and advised the subject was using WiFi from Dorsey Trailers (8:30 p.m.); Officers made contact and advised the subject was using WiFi from Dorsey Trailers (8:30 p.m.); Report of a suspicious vehicle in area of Reese Ave and Putnam St - officers made contact and advised the subject was using WiFi from Dorsey Trailers (8:30 p.m.); Officers made contact and advised the subject was using WiFi from Dorsey Trailers (8:30 p.m.); Report of a suspicious vehicle in area of Reese Ave and Putnam St - officers made contact and advised the subject was using WiFi from Dorsey Trailers (8:30 p.m.); Officers made contact and advised the subject was using WiFi from Dorsey Trailers (8:30 p.m.); 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Elba City Schools to dismiss early Thursday, Feb. 21, due to funeral services for Eddie Carroll Vaughan

Elba City Schools is very saddened by the passing of "The Voice of the Tigers" Mr. Eddie Vaughan.

To help the family, the school has agreed to hold the funeral services at the Elba High School auditorium Thursday, Feb. 21. The visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m., followed by the funeral services at 3:00.

Due to this, Elba City Schools will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21st. Buses will run at that time. Car riders should make arrangements to be picked up by 11:30 a.m.

There will be NO after school program Thursday, Feb. 21, but all other extracurricular activities will take place.

8th Grade Field Trip Information

The field trip for 8th graders is still scheduled for Thursday and will NOT be cancelled because it is an important field trip for those students and their future. Those students will return to campus around 2:30 p.m. and should be picked up at Elba Elementary School front door.

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[the officers] can work as an off-duty officer for these other details," Hussey said. "This policy not only covers Ben E Keith, but also covers other things the officers do in providing security detail, such as working ball games for the schools, etc."

He said this also would cover any future extra details that might come to the department.

Chief Hussey said he wants to provide the extra opportunities for the officers because it helps them financially. In the case of the Ben E Keith detail, he said that company is paying officers very well to provide security on their off-duty days.

"This helps offset some of our lower wages issues," council member Gappa Wise said.

He said he had spoken with a couple of the officers that had been working the Ben E Keith detail, and they were happy with the extra income it was providing their families.

"It helps tremendously," Hussey said. "And, every officer that works for our department has the opportunity to work up there [if they so choose]."

According to the resolu-

tion considered and approved by the city council during the Feb. 11th meeting, "the City of Elba is desirous of providing for the general public's safety and welfare while aiding its officers with the necessary equipment to perform their lawful duties and state law implicitly recognizes the need for officers to accept off duty employment in multiple code sections."

The resolution further states, the city council finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the public to enhance public safety by allowing police officers to accept off duty employment, as long as that employment in accordance with the city's Off Duty Employment Policy, which also was adopted with the resolution.

Upon approving the resolution and policy, Chief Hussey was assured his officers could immediately return to their off-duty detail with Ben E Keith Foods, and he said he would gladly deliver that news to the participating officers.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

KENNETH DONALD KELLEY

Mr. Kenneth Donald Kelley, age 60, of Troy, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, after a brief illness.

Ken was born to the late Donald James Kelley and his mother Ann Kelley. He was also preceded in death by his father-in-law, Robert Chancey and a nephew, Chase Nelson.

A graveside service was held Feb. 13, at Green Hills Memorial Park with Brother Chuck Francisco officiating. Memorials should be made to the Steve Watkins Memorial Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 57, PO Box 411, Troy, Alabama 36081.

Survivors include his wife: Debbie Kelley, Troy; his children: Chance (Alea) Kelley, Abbi (Brent) Kohn; a grandchild: Ann James Kohn; his mother: Ann W. Kelley; brother and sister-in-law: Keith W. (Tina) Kelley; mother-in-law: Judy Chancey, his grandchild in love: Bayleigh Wooten, Madison Nelson, Mary Clark Brown, Maggie James Brown, Evan Nelson, Coggins Brown, Gage Potter and Ethan McKinney.

STACY HUSSEY

Mr. Stacy Hussey, age 49, a resident of the Victoria Community, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, at UAB in Birmingham, Ala. after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2019 at Victoria Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Stacy was preceded in death by his father, Robert Donald Hussey, his sister, Rhonda Little, and a nephew, Hobi Hussey.

Survivors include his wife: Teresa Holcomb Hussey, daughters: Kerry Lynn Hussey and Kacy Lee Hussey, his mother: Cora Sue Hussey, and brothers: Donnie (Cara) Hussey and Jeff (Donna) Hussey, all of the Victoria Community; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

JOHN LARRY GILBERT

Mr. John Larry Gilbert [most affectionately known as "Popcorn"], age 63, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019.

He was born January 25, 1956 to Hazel Parker in Syracuse, NY.

Popcorn was well known for his humor, his kind disposition, and his love of family and friends. He was well-known throughout Elba and many surrounding cities and counties.

A memorial service was held Feb. 14, 2019 from Coleman Funeral Home in Elba.

Popcorn was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, Melanie.

Survivors include seven brothers: Willie, Ronnie,

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Joseph, Billy, Scotty, Christ, and Gary; two sisters: Clara and Joyce; his wife and lifelong friend: Carol Gilbert; three adult children and one step daughter; along with his grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

EDDIE CARROLL VAUGHAN

Mr. Eddie Carroll Vaughan, age 57, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services will be held from the Elba High School Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Steve Reneau, Rev. Gregory George and Rev. Will Taylor officiating. Burial services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be at Elba High School on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the Vaughan family requests contributions be made to the Elba United Methodist Church, 503 Davis Street, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Eddie was preceded in death by his father, Ted Gerald Vaughan Sr.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years: Melinda Bane Vaughan, Elba; sons: Judson Will (Katie) Vaughan, Prattville, Ala., Colton Bane Vaughan, Elba; grandson: William Carter Vaughan, and granddaughter: Lucy Collins Vaughan, both Prattville; his mother: Ella Jean Vaughan, Elba; brother: Ted Gerald (Lisa) Vaughan Jr., Montgomery, Ala.; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Patsy and Foster Bane, both of Elba; sister-in-law: Kristy B. (Rob) Hickman, along with nephews and nieces: Luke, Levi and Leah Hickman, all of Fairhope, Ala.; brother-in-law: Stuart (Kim) Bane, along with nephew and niece: Bradley (Sally) Bane and Sarah Bane, all of Elba.

JUDY LAMPLEY

Ms. Judy Lampley, age 64, of Enterprise, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation.

Judy was born on Dec. 19, 1954 in Pike County, Ala., to the late Wonyie Johnson and the late Shelley Mack Lampley. In the early 1970's she married Willie Pruitt.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2019 at Pea River Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and grandparents, Ola and Spencer Johnson, and Tommy and Eva Mae (Coot) Lampley.

Survivors include two sons: Greg Pruitt and Christopher Pruitt (Missy); several grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; one sister: Shelia Reynolds (Johnny), Enterprise; two brothers: Roy C. Allen (Jocelyn), Enterprise, and Bobby Joe Allen (Veronica), Atlanta,

Ga.; several brothers of Brundidge, Ala.; one aunt, Lois Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

TOMMY JAMES

Mr. Tommy James, age 77, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18, 2019 at Elba Church of Christ with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Tommy was born April 25, 1941 to the late Thomas and Pearcile James.

Other than his parents, he also was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Caldwell James, and two stepsons, Lomax and Edward Ware.

Survivors include three children: Thomas Bernard James; Birmingham Ala., Dorothy Louise Brockton, Enterprise Ala., and Bridgett James Tyson (Effriam Tyson), Elba; step daughter: Paula Ware, Elba; three grandchildren: Demetrius Marquez Tyson (Samantha Tyson), FT Sill, Okla., Dimetrio Martinez Tyson (Ashley Tyson), and Tony James (Kristen Mahan), all of Enterprise; two great-grandchildren: Skyler Tyson and Avalynn James; five brothers: Julius James, Henry James, Nathaniel James, and Willie (Bernice) James, all of Opp, Ala., and Robert (Janet) James, Brantley Ala.; four sisters: Christine James, Opp, Annie Wilkerson, Judy (Buddy) Flowers, Opp, and Earnestine (Henry) Baker, Enterprise.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years: Betty Ward; daughter: Evelyn Ward Zuhse (Daniel), Huntsville, Ala.; four sons: Dennis Eugene Ward (Norma Bacon), Kenneth Ward (Rhonda) and Mark Ward (Donna), all of Elba, Michael Ward (Michelle), Altha, Fla.; brother: Edward Ralph Ward, Samson, Ala.; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

DOROTHY F. PRESCOTT

Mrs. Dorothy F. Prescott, age 94, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, in Opp Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Card of Thanks

Sometimes when life seems empty and we feel alone, we discover the importance of the kindness of others. We deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge your kind expression of sympathy during this most difficult time. Whether it was a phone call, visit, flowers, furnishing a meal or simply a prayer being said, our family will forever be grateful for the outpouring of love you've shown us.

A special "Thank You" to the staff of Southern Care Hospice and Fort Fucker VA for the wonderful care that was provided to our loved one.

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LIFESTYLES



Emilee Hudson was honored Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, with a miscellaneous bridal shower in Elba. Those pictured above are (from left): Elaine Bryant, grandmother of the bride; Michelle Hudson, mother of the bride; Emilee Hudson, bride-elect; Misty Cook, mother of the groom; and Kayron Shehee, hostess.

Miss Emilee Hudson honored with bridal shower

On Sunday afternoon, February 17, the home of Mrs. Kayron Shehee was the setting for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Emilee Hudson, bride-elect of Mr. Rhett Cook.

The front door of the Shehee home was adorned with a wreath full of spring cut flowers welcoming the guests to the shower.

After registering their attendance in the bride's book, the guests enjoyed refreshments including an assortment of mini cupcakes, cheese bites, mints and punch. The punch bowl was highlighted with blue hydrangeas and greenery around it.

Statewide meeting on Alabama history set for April 25-27 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Alabama Historical Association will hold its 72nd annual meeting April 25-27, 2019, at the Embassy Suites in Tuscaloosa, in conjunction with the city celebrating its Bicentennial.

During the three days, participants will hear presentations from historians on state and local history, enjoy tours of local historical sites, meet authors of Alabama history, and enjoy a concert by music historian and multi-instrumentalist Bobby Horton.

Lifestyles News
is due by 5 p.m.
on Mondays

Guests were received by the bride-elect, her mother Michelle Hudson, the prospective groom's mother Misty Cook, and the bride's grandmother Elaine Bryant.

The bride-elect looked lovely in a white sleeveless dress featuring a neckline lace bodice. A corsage of miniature white roses completed her ensemble.

Guests were invited to walk around the home and look at the large assortment of lovely gifts presented to the couple.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Kayron Shehee, Kaye Whitworth, Carrie Whitworth, Doris Matthews, Millie McCollough, Lynn

Weeks, Melissa Wyrosdick, Lisa Johnson, Jeannie Moore, Dawn DeVane, Tammy Mack, and Sharla Amison.

Preston Boutwell of Elba was named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit taken at Georgia State.

Birthday Girl



Vivian Bradshaw Wood (Aunt Bibb), a lifelong resident of Coffee County, was born Feb. 17, 1919. She celebrated being 100-years-old last Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019!

Piano recital set for Feb. 28th in Dothan

Wallace Community College Fine Arts Division presents a piano recital featuring pianist David Brickle, an adjunct professor of piano at WCC.

This free admission

recital will be Thursday,

Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in Cherry

Hall of Bencze Theatre,

Dothan.

Brickle is an emerging

performer and educator

based in Tallahassee, Fla.

He has performed widely

through the United States

and internationally in

Spain.

As a teacher committed

to education in the community,

Brickle has served as a

music educator and collaborator

pianist for ten years.

He has appeared as a

pianist for community

organizations such as

Chautauqua the Music

Festival.

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EES PTO Meeting:

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Elba Elementary School has a PTO meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Information meeting

for Miss Elba Pageants set for Feb. 21st

Schools.

The registration fee for

Miss and Little Miss Elba

is \$35 while the registration

fee for all other categories

is \$30.

There will be a "Meet

and Greet" informational

meeting Thursday, Feb. 21,

from 6-7 p.m. at the Elba

Chamber of Commerce

office, 329 Putnam Street

in Elba. This is for anyone

interested in picking up a

registration packet, ask

questions, and more.

[Packets are not due at this

time.]

Categories for the 2019

Miss Elba Pageants are as

follows:

Future Little Miss Elba

will be ages 3-Kindergarten

New Dollar General store opens in New Brockton area

Dollar General's newest store at 478 County Road 259, north of New Brockton is now open.

In its new location,

Dollar General will offer

area residents a convenient

new place to shop for

everyday essentials at low

prices.

Dollar General celebrated

the store's official grand

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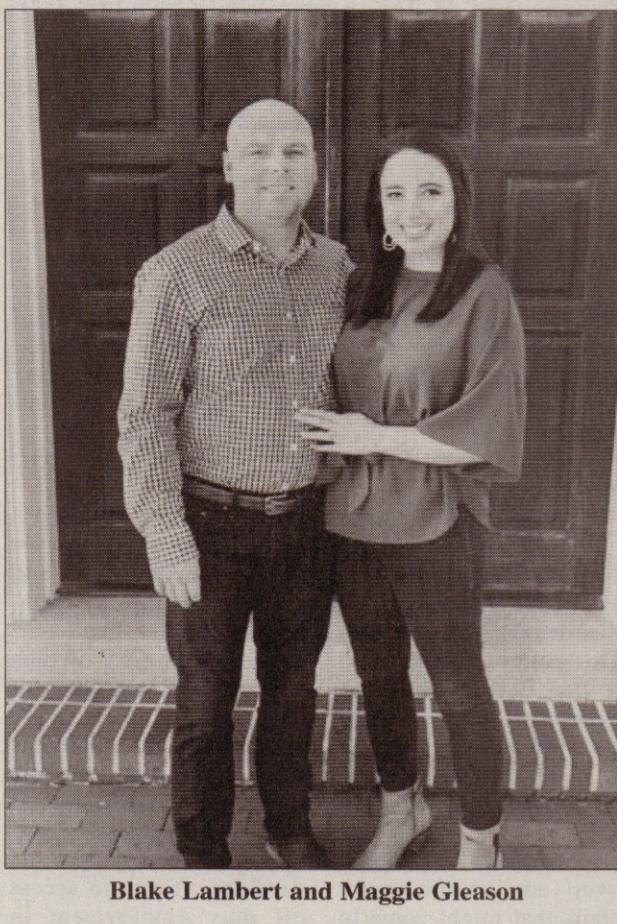
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to read, speak English or

LOCAL DAV CHAPTER MEETINGS

The February 2019 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

Local student on fall Dean's List at Georgia State



Blake Lambert and Maggie Gleason

Miss Gleason and Mr. Lambert set to exchange vows in June

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lucier of Decatur, Alabama announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Gleason, to Blake Lambert.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bates of Athens, Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gleason of Decatur, Alabama.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lambert of Elba, Alabama. He is the grandson of Mrs. Peggy Ham and late Rex Ham of Elba and Mrs. Harley Green of Red Level, AL.

The couple plans to marry June 8, 2019 in Pensacola, Florida.



LBWCC PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT ELBA ROTARY MEETING...

Dr. Herbert H. J. Riedel, President of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, was the guest speaker at Elba Rotary Club on Tuesday, Feb. 5th. He shared interesting stories of some of community college's graduates along with an update on the school's continued success through the years. Pictured with Dr. Riedel (at left) are Justin Maddox and Sandy Bynum, Elba Rotary President.

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Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$160 million in grants to non-profit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dg-literacy.com.

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

KEN WILSON, PASTOR OF WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Timber!

My dad always loved his yard. He took great pride in having what he considered to be one of the best looking yards in the neighborhood. Actually, he came by it honestly; my grandfather had quite the green thumb and enjoyed yard work greatly. My grandfather used words like "mulch" and "aerate" when he talked about his yard and his eyes would light up. My dad had been groomed to be an expert in the area of lawn maintenance and he definitely had not been a disappointment.

Dad spent many hours in the yard on Saturdays and on days off. There was grass to be cut, raked, fertilized, and/or watered. Shrubs had to be trimmed and azaleas had to be trenched around. Then there were things like herbicide and insecticide, which did God only knows what to weeds and bugs, that had to be spread or sprayed on plants and bushes. There was always something that could be done in the yard if there was time to spare.

Yard work was my father's way of unwinding from the stresses of practicing medicine. It was a chance to be by himself for a while, and he enjoyed the release. Being in the ministry and the father of four, I now understand full well what an escape yard work can be. When I was young, however, I tried to be scarce when Dad was working in the yard. Of course, that was just the way he wanted it, until I was old enough to push a lawnmower.

We had a pretty large corner lot in a wooded neighborhood so we had lots of grass and lots of trees. For a while my dad had a pretty good system going. My brother and I would weed-eat and cut the grass while my dad would supervise. For one person it was an all day project, but with two it could be done on a Saturday morning leaving, the afternoon free.

After my brother went to college my dad changed his strategy. We got two lawnmowers and he and I could cut at the same time, thus reducing the time. This worked well for a few years, but, as I got older and involved in more activities, Dad ended up doing more and more of the work himself. Once again, a strategy change was necessary. After much deliberation my father made a monumental decision. The time had come to buy a riding lawnmower.

My dad's buying a riding lawnmower was like the Beatles making a disco album. I never thought he would bring himself to break down and get one. I think he thought it was lazy to ride while you cut grass. Whatever the case, Dad had made his mind up and there was no stopping him. It was time!

I went with him to Sears to pick out his new mower. I figured I might be using it some and I wanted to see what we were getting. He looked rather unimpressed

with some of the larger tractor style mowers that I liked. I wanted "power," not maneuverability. Dad, however, wanted something that would be easier to handle around all our trees, so he picked a smaller, less tractor-looking mower. It was more like a seat on top of a motor with a steering wheel and blade underneath.

I was a little afraid of what the neighbors might say about our strange looking riding lawnmower as they cut their yards atop their lawn tractors. Frankly, ours looked a little silly. Dad liked it though, and that was what was important. He would be the one they saw on it most of the time anyway. Maybe I could use it at night.

My next-door neighbor John Pegues (his dad had a lawn tractor) and I were playing in the yard a few days later when the Sears truck pulled into the driveway. We watched as they unloaded the strange looking little red machine. I heard the sarcasm in John's voice as he said, "That thing sure looks different than my dad's." "Yea, well, we got more trees than y'all do," I said in a desperate attempt to save face, but I knew he was right.

My dad excitedly filled it up with gas and cranked it up. It was loud, which made me feel a little better. I don't know what might have been said if it had been quiet on top of odd looking. Dad hopped on and began to ride around the yard. It did maneuver well, no question about it. He dropped the blade and began to cut a little to see how it looked. He was pleased with the beautiful strip of cut grass that stretched out behind him. In fact, he was so pleased with what was behind him he forgot to look ahead of him. He ran right into one of our loblolly pine trees. Quickly jarred back into reality, he tried to remember how to stop this machine he was riding. As Dad frantically tried to get the mower out of gear, the front end began to inch up the trunk of the tree. John stared wide eyed as my dad's riding lawnmower came close to vertical while hearing my dad curse loudly as he tried to stop the runaway machine.

When Dad finally stopped the mower and got it out of the tree, I puffed my chest up proudly and said to John, "I bet your dad's lawnmower won't do that". John never made fun of my dad's mower again. Dad used that mower for several years after that, but he never spent much time looking behind him; he kept his eyes on where he was headed.

Jesus had a little to say about looking where we have been. "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) In other words, our purpose as Christians should be in front of us. We can't do anything about what is behind us whether it is good or bad. However, we have the power through Him to do something with the future.

Greater Bethel AME Church plans special Feb. 24th service

In celebration of Black History Month, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC), 33 Harper Lane, Elba, Ala., will host a Family and Friends Day and Heritage Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker for this special event will be Rev. Annie Mays, pastor of Freemont African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bakerhill, Ala. Dress is old fashioned or African attire.

Greater St. Matthew AME Church planning Feb. 24 Family and Friends Day

Greater St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, located at 365 East Mill Ave., Brantley, Ala., will host a Family and Friends Day Celebration this Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Samuel Lavon Lowery, St. James Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala.

Country Cathedral planning March 9th Church Hymnal Sing

Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 E, Opp, Ala., will host a REDBACK Church Hymnal Singing Reunion Concert on Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m.

This concert will feature members of The Disciples Blessed, Burning Bush Family, Ken Helms, Kay Bellino, Loretta Hornsby, New Covenant Singers, The Longsworth Family, Safe Harbor, The Turman Family, the Dyess Family and more.

There is no admission charge. Be sure to bring a church hymnal.

Shady Grove A.M.E. plans special program for Sunday, March 17

Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, 768 County Road 345, Elba, Ala., will host its Men and Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Shawn Mitchell, pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Elba.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Glories of the city of God. Psalm 87: 1-7

History Month

Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

During the first week of January 2006, billowing flames gutted, ravaged and razed the Pilgrim Baptist Church, a historic landmark of Chicago's southside. Parishioners and other onlookers were devastated by the magnitude of the destruction to the more than 100-year-old edifice. At one time, the church had been the church home of the famous American arranger, pianist, and composer Thomas A. Dorsey. Not only was the versatile and prolific Dorsey known as the "Father of Gospel Music," he also was considered to be one of the most influential figures ever to impact the gospel music world.

While the fire reduced all but the shell of the Pilgrim Baptist Church to rubble, it did not diminish the legacy of Rev. Dorsey, who had written more than 1,000 songs in his lifetime, half of which were published.

From 1932 into the 1970s, Rev. Dorsey organized and directed the choir at Pilgrim Baptist Church – legendary gospel icons, including Mahalia Jackson, Sallie Martin and Rosetta Tharp – began their music careers singing his songs of praise and adoration to the living God.

Dorsey was born in Villa Rica, Georgia, taught himself how to play a wide range of instruments, learned shape-note singing (a style of singing and sight reading) while attending church with his parents. After moving to Chicago in 1916, Dorsey continued his musical training at the Chicago School of Composition and Arranging. In 1921, after he heard

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** In Honor of Black

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OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor

1st - 4th Sun. Morn.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor - Lee Jones

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Shayne Allen, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.

Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ken Wilson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kenneth Hagler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ronnie Stuckey, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cary Maulden, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH

John Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Relating to Coffee County and the compensation and expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County; so as to further provide for an expense allowance and expiration date therefore and the Sheriff's compensation in the next term of office.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County and the compensation and expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County; so as to further provide for an expense allowance and expiration date therefore and the Sheriff's compensation in the next term of office.

Section 1.

The Sheriff of Coffee County shall receive an expense allowance of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year, payable in equal monthly installments from the general fund of the county as other county employees are paid. Said expense allowance shall be in addition to all other compensation or benefits granted to the Sheriff and may

Students should take FAFSA process seriously

The federal government requires many students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify the information on the FAFSA. The students are chosen by the U.S. Department of Education.

Used to apply for most federal and many state student aid programs, the FAFSA asks detailed questions about the income and resources of students.

Parents are required to provide their information as well if their children are dependent students. Students are considered dependent if they are

be treated as compensation for retirement contributions.

Section 2. Beginning with the next term of office, the expense allowance paid to the Sheriff as provided in Section 1 is null and void.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming law.

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TION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Steve Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jane Cacchioli

Jane Cacchioli

By: Wesley L. Laird, Attorney for the Estate of Diane Holloway 501 North Main Street Opp, AL 36467

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DIANE HOLLOWAY, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC-19-012

NOTICE OF PUBLICA-

I, **He Reigns Incorporated, LLC**, have made application of the City of Elba for **an alcohol on premises consumption at this location, 806 Highway 203, Elba, AL**. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

/Sally Bane, Elba City Clerk

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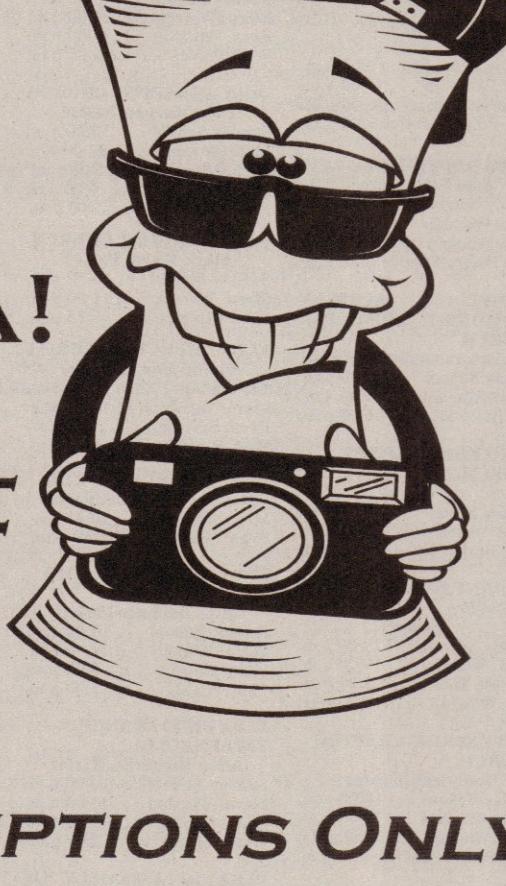
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local UDC member Georgia Fleming presents program for Dothan Chapter at recent meeting

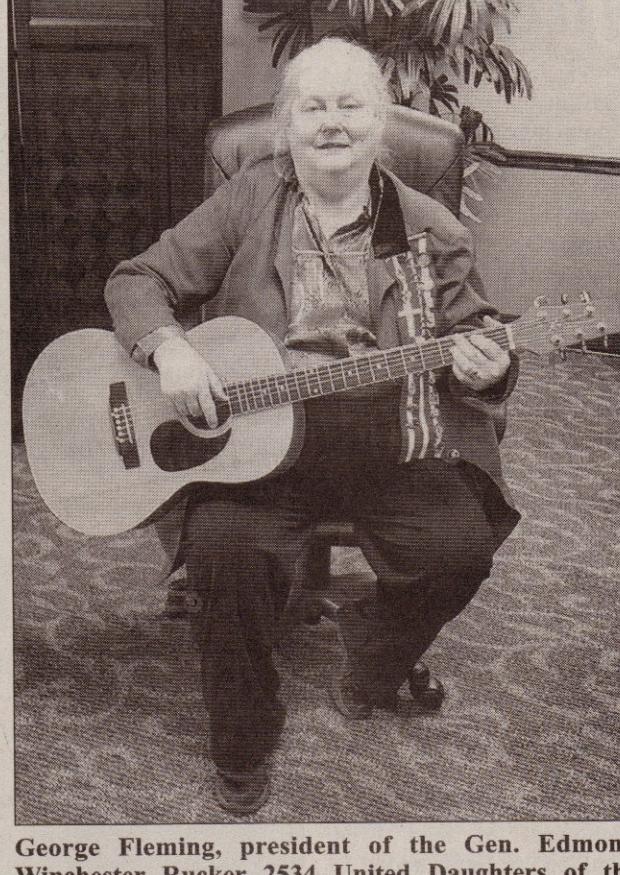
On Thursday, Feb. 14, George Fleming, president of the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 United Daughters of the Confederacy ("UDC") Chapter of Enterprise, was invited as the guest speaker at the Chapter meeting of the General William C. Oates 1342 UDC Chapter of Dothan.

Donna Clark and Pat Richter of the Rucker Chapter were also guests.

The meeting began with a delicious lunch with the tables beautifully set with red Camellias and each person received a heart full of chocolates provided by Oates Chapter President Mary Ellen Sanders for the occasion.

The meal was followed by the business meeting, which included salutes and pledge to the Christian flag, the Flag of the United States of America, the Alabama flag and the Confederate flag as well as the opening ritual. Oates Chapter member, Adrian Pitre read a charming poem that she composed about her mother's hats and gloves; she was dressed in a stunning red hat and black high heels once worn by her mother.

Fleming then presented the program performing several of her original songs set to Scottish tunes. The subject of these songs celebrated the heroism and



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memories of Confederate leaders such as General Robert E. Lee, General Stonewall Jackson, General John Mosby, Admiral Raphael Simms, General Nathan Bedford Forrest and many others. She also composed a song, "The Flags Our Fathers Bore," to honor UDC and Sons of

Confederate Veterans members for their tireless efforts of remembering and memorializing their Confederate ancestors.

Fleming accompanied her songs with the guitar and bodhran (Scottish drum). The program and fellowship were enjoyed by all present.

Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union announces new name

Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union (AACFCU) and Wiregrass Federal Credit Union employees were brought together Monday, Feb. 18, for the second big announcement in less than a week.

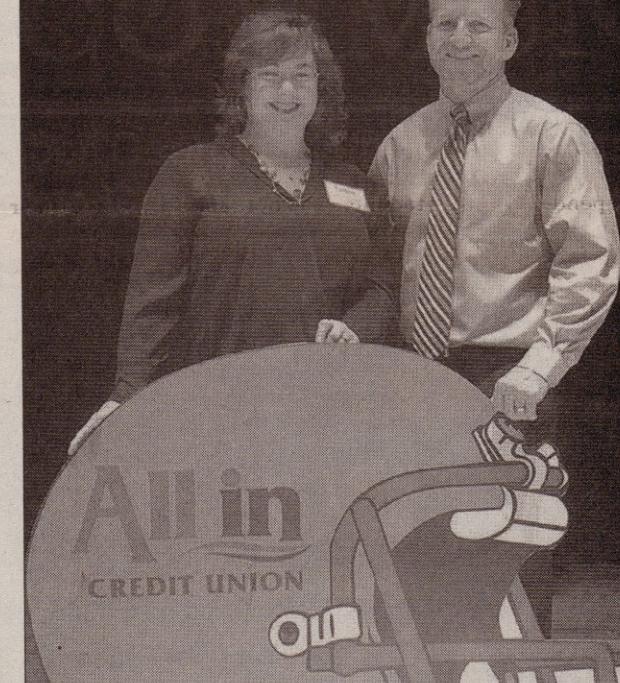
Following the vote for Wiregrass to merge with AACFCU on Feb. 12, credit union employees learned that the two organizations will come together in May under a new name—All In Credit Union.

A A C F C U President/CEO, Bobby Michael, declared, "We're changing our name, but not our commitment to our mission and our continued service to the soldiers of Fort Rucker whom we have partnered with for more than 52 years. Our new name, All In, allows us to broaden our membership and to continue to grow and expand to create enhanced financial services for everyone."

Michael continued, "We hear from people every day that our current name causes potential members to believe they cannot join. Because of this impediment to growth, we have been reviewing the possibility of a name change. The upcoming merger with Wiregrass FCU made this the right time to move forward."

In his announcement to employees, the leader of the \$1.2 billion credit union discussed the care that was taken in selecting a new name. Michael shared details of the three-year process that included focus group testing and the approval of members of the military and the general public. He also highlighted the growing number of branches outside the credit union's original territory, including five branches in Mobile and a total of four branches in Florida following the merger with Wiregrass FCU.

"When selecting a new corporate name, All In was chosen as a name that accurately depicted who the credit union is today," Michael stated. "The name 'All In' is a tangible reminder that everyone is welcome to be a part of the amazing financial experience we are providing." He went on to say, "In addition, this new name com-



Tangela Souders, President/CEO of Wiregrass Federal Credit Union and Bobby Michael, President/CEO of Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union announced the new name that the two credit unions will take on following the completed merger in May. The presentation was made during a sports-themed team training event where the new name was presented to all AACFCU and Wiregrass employees.

municates our continued commitment to our members and our soldiers. As an organization, we are All In to serving communities and helping citizens reach their financial dreams. We are also All In to helping our soldiers make good financial decisions and protect their finances just as they protect our freedom."

In addition to a new look, the corporate logo will also feature a patriotic color scheme which is indicative of the credit union's deep ties with the military for more than five decades. The unique lettering and use of the lowercase 'i' in the new name symbolizes the credit union's expanding use of financial service delivery through innovation and use of technology.

During his presentation, Michael shared plans with employees to create legacy walls at select branch locations to pay homage to the credit union's military background and the half century it has operated as Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union.

"As I have stated clearly," Michael concluded, "We will not forget our

roots and all those who have contributed to our success. They are a lasting part of the fabric of our organization. Changing our name will help us expand, grow and achieve more simply because the words 'All In' communicate an inviting and inclusive message that everyone is welcome here."

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Round & About

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William M. Nix's inspirational singing at the National Baptist Convention, Dorsey decided to begin composing sacred music. After becoming the director of music at New Hope Baptist Church, Dorsey began battling ongoing, incapacitating depression in 1926. In 1928 he made Jesus Christ his personal Savior.

In 1932, Dorsey's wife, Nettie Harper, died in child birth and his newborn son died soon after. Distraught and stricken with grief, Dorsey consecrated his life to doing the will of the Lord.

One day as he consoled himself at his piano, he composed a song that has blessed and comforted countless hurting hearts down through the ages: "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" – It has been translated into 32 languages. In fact, Mahalia Jackson (whom he worked with extensively in the 1930s and 1940s) sang it at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dorsey's second most popular God-inspired song, "Peace in the Valley" sold millions of copies. It is considered to be Dorsey's most widely recognized work and was a nationwide hit. Dorsey wrote the song for Mahalia Jackson, who was his demo singer at the time.

"We'll Understand It Better By and By" was another of Dorsey's greatest songs. It too has blessed untold millions across the United States and beyond.

Today, Thomas A. Dorsey is lauded as a Christian, an accomplished pianist, choir director, and a prolific composer. His God-given gift of musical ability still comforts many throughout the world.

Question / Answer Section

Question for the Week of 2/21/19

Unscramble these names of Kings of the Bible

AZHA - AHAZ

SXERATXEAR - ARTAXERXES

SYUCR - CYRUS

JMAOR - JORAM

MJHOOIAK - JOHOIAKIM

Question for the Week of 2/28/19

Q: What are the characteristics of a mature Christian that a believer who "gives" all diligence can add?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

DARKNESS INTO LIFE

Alabama Holocaust Survivors
THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART

Created by:
Becky Seitel, photographer
and Mitzi J. Levin, artist

LBWCC to host Holocaust survivor exhibit in Greenville

LBW Community College in Greenville is hosting an exhibit of photography and art from the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center.

On March 11-14, the exhibit will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and March 15, 8 a.m.-noon, in the Wendell Mitchell Conference Center.

"Darkness into Life: Alabama Holocaust Survivors Through Photography and Art" is a

show about the lives of survivors.

KHEAA offers information on understanding pay stubs

When working, one will receive a pay stub each time he/she gets paid, although it may not be a paper stub. Understanding the pay stub is vital to managing money and budgeting.

Each employer's pay stub is different, according to KHEAA—Alabama, but one will usually see these items:

Gross Pay: This is what one earned that pay period before any taxes or benefits, such as insurance, were withheld.

Net Pay: This is take-home pay after withholdings.

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sensitive exhibit that offers a special glimpse into the private memories of 20 Alabama Holocaust survivors, revealing stories of childhoods past, lost family and friends, despair and sadness, cruelty beyond belief, bravery, the joys of liberation, and new lives in Alabama.

"We are thrilled to offer the community this extraordinary opportunity to see these works first-hand," said LBWCC Dean of the

Greenville Campus Peige Josey. "Exhibit admission is free and open to the public. Upon request, we are offering group tours and special evening tours."

An opening reception is planned for March 10, at 2 p.m., WMCC at LBWCC Greenville Campus.

For more information or to schedule group or evening tours, contact Josey at 334-881-2213 or email pjosey@lbwcc.edu.

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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We weren't really sure just what to get our grandson Lawson for Valentine's Day, but apparently did okay since I got a big hug after he saw a teddy bear, balloon, lots of candy and a video game that we had delivered. The balloon wasn't in the shape of a heart, but there is no doubt my little man holds my heart in his hands each and every day.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers saw their state tournament dreams dashed last week with a 59-54 loss at the Southeast Regionals. The Tigers led midway through the fourth quarter and it looked like they would pull off the win, but a three-minute scoring drought proved too much to overcome and the Tigers closed the season with 17 wins. It was a disappointing loss for the six seniors to go out, but they brought a lot of joy and excitement to a lot of Elba Tiger fans during their careers and it was because of their dedication to the game and their hard work that a large number of fans made the trip to Montgomery to watch the region contest. A loss in their final game certainly didn't lessen the accomplishments these young men achieved over the years, and it was a fun ride while it lasted.*

*** *The Brantley Lady Bulldogs had a hard time scoring points in their regional appearance, but scored just enough to win as they escaped with a 38-35 win. The Lady Bulldogs were given up for dead after finishing third in the area, but never backed down from the challenge ahead and showed with their win last week that they plan on playing for weeks to come. It's like I told someone after the game, "All they know how to do is win."*

*** *The rumblings have begun at Alabama for the dismissal of basketball coach Avery Johnson after the Crimson Tide's two conference losses last week. The Tide faithful hung with Johnson after the road loss at Auburn and still had hopes that the team would peak at the right time and make a run at berth in the NCAA tournament, but after two bad losses last week those same fans are now calling for him to be fired. Johnson was a star in the NBA as a player and coach, but I just have to wonder if the sense of urgency is there since in the pros teams play so many games and have to avoid highs and lows. I too am unhappy with the Tide's recent performances, but wonder if the powers to be really care enough about basketball to make a change.*

*** *In closing.... Elba's baseball and softball teams have been hard at work for weeks to get ready for the season and that wait will end this week, as both teams will hit the field to open the season. Both teams are young with very few seniors on their rosters, but both are well coached and have high goals entering the season. Make plans now to head out and get a little fresh air at the fields while cheering for the Tigers and Lady Tigers. The Tigers are looking to bounce back from a lackluster season and are expected to have their best team in years, while the Lady Tigers have high hopes of improving on last season's 14-14 record and trip to the regional.*

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In 59-54 region loss

Late scoring drought sinks Tigers

The Elba Tigers saw their trek to the state tournament hit an early detour as they lost to Cornerstone 59-54, in the opening round of the Southeast Regionals, in Montgomery.

The Tigers grabbed an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Richmon Singletary and was still on top 5-4 with 5:12 remaining in the first quarter after a 3-pointer by Vilee Sams. However, Elba managed only two points over the final five minutes of the quarter and trailed 10-7 heading into quarter number two.

Cornerstone outscored the Tigers 8-2 to open the second quarter and opened up an 18-9 lead after just two minutes of action, but two free throws by Richmon Singletary ended the Cornerstone rally, and Collin Harrison scored four points in the closing minutes as the Tigers closed to within 22-18 at the half.

Baskets by Richmon Singletary and Alex Wright early in the third quarter pulled Elba even at 22-22, and the Tigers grabbed their first lead since the opening moments of the game with 3:32 remaining in the stanza when Vilee Sams drilled a long 3-pointer.

Elba took its biggest lead of the game at 34-29 with 1:22 left in the quarter after a 5-0 run sparked by Vilee Sams and Richmon Singletary, but Cornerstone again rallied and cut the lead to 35-34 entering the fourth quarter.

Tigers rally past Shields 64-35

The Elba Tigers rallied after a disastrous first quarter to bury the J.F. Shields Panthers 64-35, in sub-region action at the Tiger gym.

The Tigers had a hard time finding their way to the goal in the opening quarter and trailed 10-1 after one quarter of play, but woke up in quarter number two and poured in 27 points to carry a 28-16 lead in at intermission and never looked back in the second half as they rolled to the big win.

Collin Harrison scored 17 points and grabbed 5 rebounds to lead Elba, while Richmon Singletary added 11 points, seven rebounds, seven steals, four assists and two blocked shots; and, Alex Wright added 12 points, 8 rebounds and 3 blocks.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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The two teams swapped baskets in the early moments of the fourth quarter and with 4:41 remaining on the clock the Tigers were still on top 45-43 after another 3-pointer by Vilee Sams. The Sams three-pointer was the only points the Tigers would score over the game's next three minutes; however, and by the time Elba scored again on a Richmon Singletary layup, Cornerstone had taken a 54-49 advantage.

Elba pulled within 55-52 with 37-seconds on the clock on a 3-pointer by Logan Medlock, but could get no closer and at the final horn saw its season end after sustaining the 59-54 loss.

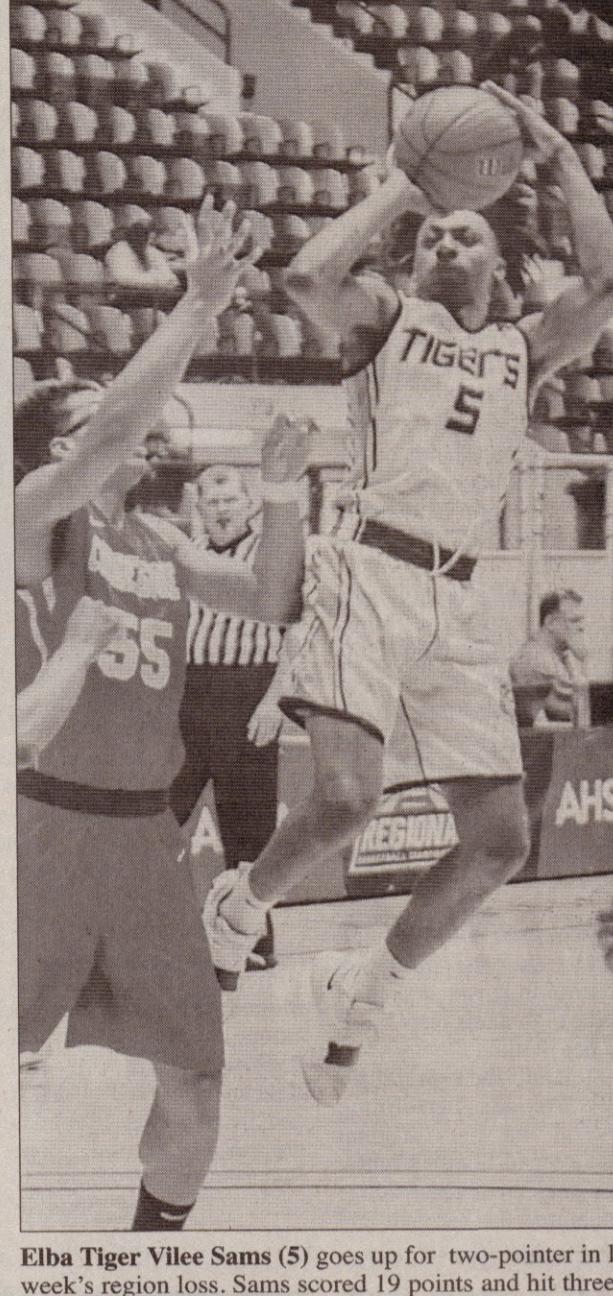
Richmon Singletary scored 21 points, had 4 steals and pulled down 4 rebounds to lead Elba, while Vilee Sams added 19 points and 5 rebounds and Alex Wright scored 5 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Samuel Williams scored 15 points to lead a balanced Cornerstone attack that saw three players score in double digits.

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C'stone (59): Johnson 14, Tatum-Lee 8, Williams 15, Stanford 11, Jackson 8, Jones 3.

Elba (54): Sams 19, Wright 6, Singletary 21, Harrison 4, Medlock 3, Hill 1.



Elba Tiger Vilee Sams (5) goes up for two-pointer in last week's region loss. Sams scored 19 points and hit three 3-pointers to help the Tigers battle Cornerstone in the region opener.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



TIGER TRIO SIGN.... Elba Tigers (l-r) Alex Wright, Byron Johnson and Richmon Singletary all signed college football scholarships last week at National Signing Day ceremonies. Wright and Singletary signed with UAB and Johnson signed with Huntingdon.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Tigers sign on the dotted line

The Elba Tigers continued their tradition of sending football players to the next level last week on National Signing Day as three Tigers put their names on the dotted line with in-state colleges to continue their careers.

Richmon Singletary, a running back/strong safety; and, Alex Wright, an outside linebacker, both signed with UAB, while Byron Johnson, a quarterback/fullback, signed with Huntingdon.

Singletary (6-0, 180) was the Dothan Eagle 'Player of the Year' after a record-setting senior season, but was uncommitted until earlier in the week when the offer came from UAB.

"I looked at my phone after a game in the area tournament and saw where I had missed a call from UAB linebackers coach Nick Gentry," said Singletary. "I called him back and he told me I would get a scholarship offer. I cried after he told me, because it was great to know that all the hard work during the season finally paid off."

Singletary averaged 189.4 yards per game rushing this past season for the Tigers, scored 25 touch-

downs and set a state record with six kickoff returns for touchdowns.

Wright (6-7, 230) had been committed to UAB for months, but did receive numerous offers and was considered one of the state's best-kept secrets as a defensive standout.

"This is a great day," said Wright. "The coaches at UAB treated me like family from the start and I felt like it was the place for me to go. Having the opportunity to play in college with Richmon is special. We have been best friends since elementary school and have played football together since the second grade."

Wright recorded 63 total tackles during his senior season, including 8 tackles for losses, 5 sacks and returned two fumble recoveries for touchdowns.

Johnson (6-0, 194) played multiple positions during his high school career at Elba, and spent his senior season as the Tigers quarterback.

"I have always dreamed about playing college football and it is great to know that I will now get that opportunity," said Johnson. "My greatest attribute in college will be

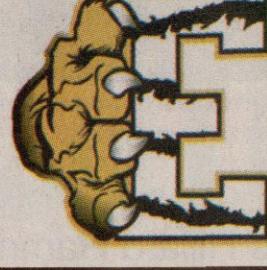
my mental and physical strength and I will do whatever the coaches at Huntingdon need me to do to help the team be successful."

Johnson, who overcame a potential career ending leg injury his junior season, rushed for 281 yards and 11 touchdowns during his senior season and passed for 652 yards and 5 TD's, giving the talented Tiger 933 yards in total offense.

"I am so proud of all three young men and have no doubt they will continue to grow and have solid college careers," stated Elba Tiger head coach Pate Harrison. "Richmon is a very special athlete that flew under the radar most of the season despite putting up record numbers and will work hard and succeed at whatever they ask him to do, while Alex is a young player that grew into his position and will get stronger and has the potential to do great things at the next level. Byron is a hard worker that is a true team player in all he does and he too will be successful at the next level due to his intense desire to play the game and be part of a team."

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Elba Marching Tiger Band excited to show off the design for the new band uniforms being ordered.

Design for new Elba Marching Tiger Band uniform finalized

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band wants to take the time and say thank you to all band parents, school staff and administration of Elba City Schools for all support of the band.

The band program has finalized its 2019 Elba High School Marching Tiger Band uniform.

Band director Shaun Hammonds said it has been a lengthy process, but the band students are excited and happy with the new uniform.

"We are looking to represent you all in this look the next few years," he said in response to all the community support the band received in acquiring the new uniforms. "It takes a

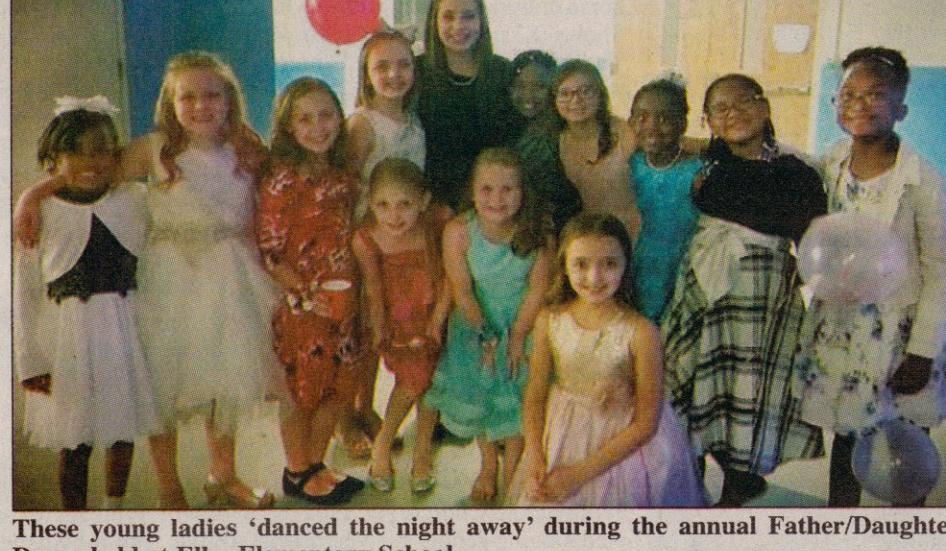
lot to come up with a new style while keeping our traditional style in context as well. I think this look will be sharp on the field."

Hammonds said this project was completed through a team effort and he is so thankful to all.

"Lots of hard work has been put in to make this happen," he said. "Thanks to all of you!"

Hammonds also extended a special thanks to all the businesses and contributors of the Marching Tiger Band. He said the band program is very thankful for all the support it gets from the community and local businesses.

"Thank you, and know we always look forward to representing you," he said.



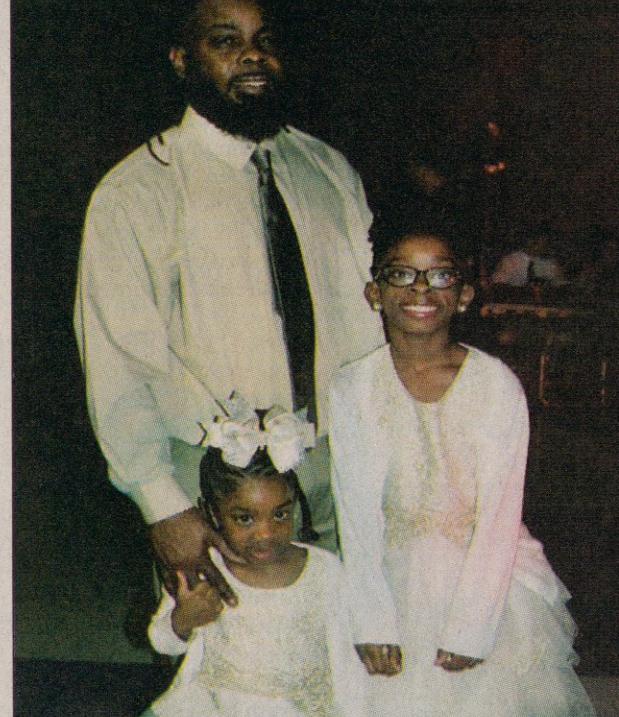
These young ladies 'danced the night away' during the annual Father/Daughter Dance held at Elba Elementary School.

Elementary PTO hosts annual Father/Daughter Dance

On the evening of Friday, Feb. 8, Elba Elementary School girls were escorted to the school dance by their fathers.

The annual Father/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the EES PTO, was one that proved to not only be fun, but also a successful fundraiser.

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The Father/Daughter Dance created lots of smiles and lifelong memories for both Dad and his girls!



Students Inducted Into the National Beta Club at Elba High School... Students who have met the club requirements were inducted into the National Beta Club Tuesday morning, Feb. 12, 2019. Students must maintain As and Bs in all classes in order to be invited and to continue membership. Elba High School inducted 22 students (shown above) into the National Beta Club. They were welcomed into the club by other EHS students already members.



Varsity Softball Vs Faculty Dodgeball Game... On Friday afternoon, Feb. 15, the Elba High School Varsity Softball team competed against the Elba High School faculty in a game of dodgeball. There were seven faculty members who played. Each game was well-fought; however, the faculty ended up winning more often than the softball team. Above, Elba High coach Pate Harrison looks for his next target among a trio of softball players.

Elementary school welcomes grandparents for lunch

Elba Elementary School celebrated grandparents by inviting them to visit during lunch the week of Feb. 11th.

Many grandparents came to eat lunch with their grandchildren, then went by the library to see what books were offered during the Book Fair, which coincided with Grandparent's Week.

Books purchased through the book fair help to raise money for the school library.

To the right, grandparents are shown enjoying their special time at EES.



Elba High School ready to host Pea River Concert Band Festival clinic

The Pea River Concert Band Festival will be Feb. 28th - March 1st at Elba High School.

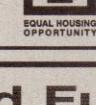
This is a pre-music performance assessment clinic for local high school bands in the area. The public is invited to come and listen

as they perform a music selection and receive comments and analysis from well-known clinicians in the area. There is no cost to attend.

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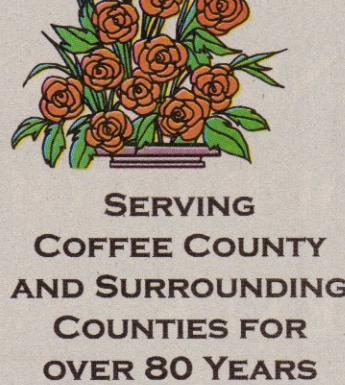
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The seniors at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center celebrated and showed love to each other on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th! The seniors were given individual cards and candy and special gifts. The youngest senior, Shirley Matthews, received a rose and bear from the senior center director, Conzuella Banks. The home recipients also received candy. Special thanks to Mrs. Penny and Mr. Joseph for their donations!!



Youth enjoy fun night at Westside Baptist Church...Local youth gathered Saturday night, Feb. 9, at Westside Baptist Church in Elba for a fun evening of UNO and Tacos. The group enjoyed a taco meal and then participated in an UNO card tournament. Winner of the UNO tourney was Carson Wise, and it also was reported he won the taco eating contest as well - scarfing down a total of 13 tacos! The entire group of youth in attendance is pictured above and (to the right) Whit Shehee and Zalie McKelvy are shown enjoying the festivities by posing for a photo with props! Zalie is holding Lily Grace Whitworth.

Basin Baptist Church group enjoys family night at bowling alley

Following church services Sunday night, Feb. 17, several members of Basin Baptist Church ventured over to the bowling alley in Enterprise to enjoy a fun time together.

There was lots of friendly competition during the two-hour outing, but church members said the most important thing was they had fun and enjoyed a time of fellowship together beyond the church building.

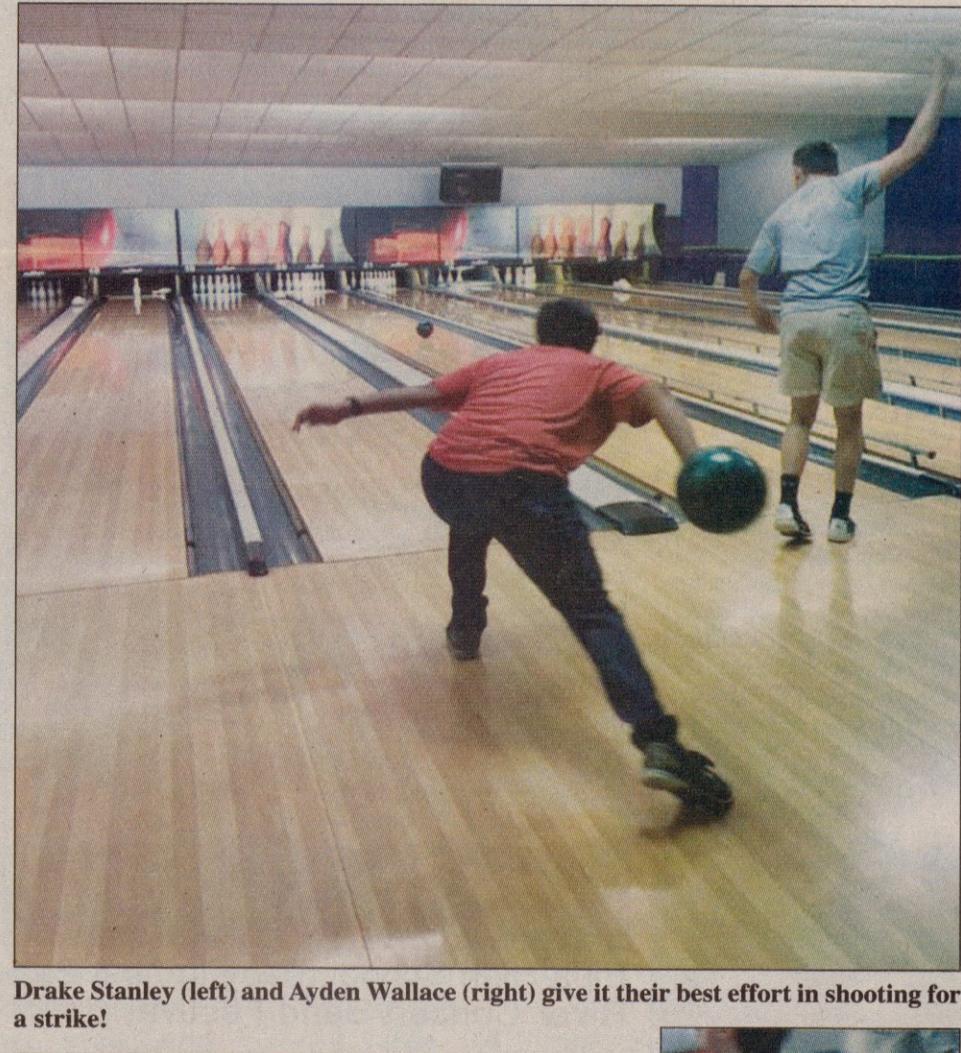
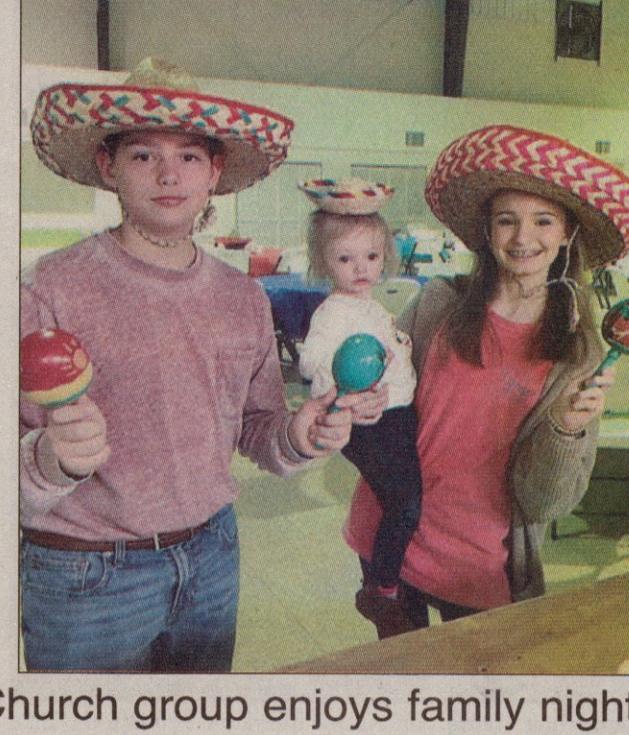
Here are some photos from the family night at the bowling alley...



Reed Brewer prepares to throw his ball down the lane



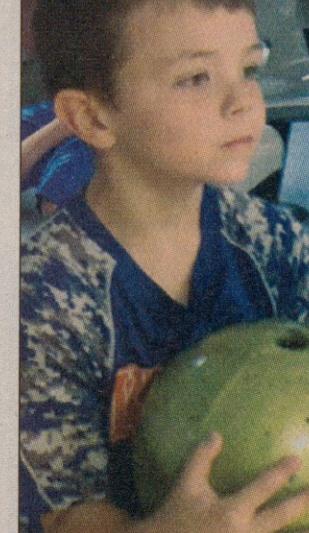
With Daddy watching closely behind, little Ellie Kate Logue uses a little assistance to help her get the bowling ball down the lane. Basinites of all ages enjoyed the family bowling night outing last Sunday evening!



Drake Stanley (left) and Ayden Wallace (right) give it their best effort in shooting for a strike!



Evan Hilburn shows 'em how it is done!



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In honor of Black History Month

A look at the S.E. Alabama Gazette's Hillard Hamm

The S.E. Alabama Gazette owners and publishers were Hillard Hamm and Ann Walker Hamm.

S. E. Alabama Gazette, was a black owned newspaper owned and published by Hillard Hamm and Ann Walker Hamm and serving entire communities, black & white.

For several years the Southeast Alabama Gazette, based in Enterprise also served Dothan, New Brockton, Ozark, Daleville, Elba, Andalusia, Hartford, Headland, with subscribers in surrounding counties.

The Southeast Alabama Gazette carried not only local news, but state, national and international news which served and was read by the entire community.

At that time, the Gazette, was the only black newspaper in Southeast Alabama. On December 20th, 2016 the Southeast Alabama Gazette published its final edition. At that time the Gazette staff and management thanked the public for their support.

Did You Know

In 1954, Hamm was a member of the Washington, D. C. NAACP. He and other NAACP members and supporters were at the US Supreme Court Hearing when Thurgood Marshall won the case of Brown v. the Board of Education, which the Court ruled unanimously that racial segregation of children in public schools was unconstitutional in the United States.

Present at the Supreme Court Hearing were Atty. James M. Nabrit, Jr. and

Atty. George Hayes and other distinguish black lawyers and several concerned citizens. Hamm said it was an honor to have been in the present of such great minds.

Hamm is a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Navy during WW II in the South Pacific aboard the air craft carrier USS Bennington.

The 91-year old Hamm is now retired and living in Enterprise, AL with his lovely and caring wife Ann Walker Hamm, a native of Elba, AL.

Upcoming Events and Activities at Dothan's Landmark Park

MARCH 2; APRIL 6 • WIREGRASS WOODTURNER MEETING 9:30 a.m. Open to the public, free with paid gate admission and free for Wiregrass Woodturner members. Woodturning demonstrations will take place. Ag Building.

MARCH 2; APRIL 6 • LANDMARK DULCIMER CLUB 1 p.m. Jam session and lesson. No experience or music reading ability necessary. Must have a mountain dulcimer. Free with paid gate admission.

MARCH 3; APRIL 7 • REPTILE FEEDING 4 p.m. Meet our snakes and turtles and learn why these animals are so important to the environment. Free with paid gate admission. Interpretive Center Classroom.

MARCH 16 • SPRING FARM DAY 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Turn back the clock 100 years and experience living history demonstrations of blacksmithing, plowing with mules, traditional music and more. An official event of Alabama's Bicentennial. Sponsored by WOOF, WDHN, ServisFirst Bank, Wiregrass Electric and Houston County Farmers Federation.

MARCH 21 • COMPASS NAVIGATION This program is for preregistered homeschool groups only. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. In this technologically advanced world we live in today, fewer and fewer people know how to read a compass. This skill, however, is just as important today as it was many years ago! In this class, students will learn about the Earth's magnetic field and how a compass works, as well as get a chance to build their own compass. Students will then test their compass skills by navigating through our compass course here at the Park. \$15 per child, \$7.50 per adult or use your EdVenture Club Pass. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register and for more info on the EdVenture Club Pass for homeschool groups.

MARCH 25-29 • SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES Family friendly activities at 10 a.m. (see below for schedule), horse drawn wagon rides from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Planetarium Shows (\$3 per person; free for park members) at 2:30 p.m. The Martin Drugstore will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with ice cream and drinks for sale. Regular gate admission applies (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members and children 2 and under). Registration required for the 10 a.m. programs. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

3/25: Guided Nature Hike with Naturalist Lisa Lopez

3/26: The Life of a Honeybee with Rosalyn Horton

3/27: Nature Art

3/28: Old Fashioned Toys and Games with Curator Kari Barley

3/29: Martin Drugstore History Tour and Soda Fountain Demo with Soda Jerk Celeste Conner

APRIL 20 • SACRED HARP SING The powerful sounds of Sacred Harp music will fill the air at the Headland Presbyterian Church. At 9:30a.m. there will be an abbreviated singing school for visitors unfamiliar with the Shape Note (or Fasola) singing tradition. The sing will get underway at 10 a.m. The singers will gather under the spreading branches of a nearby live oak tree and enjoy a traditional dinner on the grounds from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring a traditional covered dish and join in the fellowship. Free with paid gate admission and free for singers with a Sacred Harp Sing book.

APRIL 21 • EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 a.m. Gazebo lawn. Free admission. Nondenominational service provided by the Dothan Ministerial Union. Gates will close following the service and then reopen for regular park hours at noon. Bring your lawn chairs. In case of rain, the service will be held inside the Headland Presbyterian Church at Landmark Park.

APRIL 27 • TREE ID WORKSHOP 10 a.m. Free with paid gate admission. Join veteran forester Ed Lewis on a tour of the park and learn about trees native to this area and their historic uses. Registration required, register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

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